

note together with your photograph enclosed therein, I highly appreciate your gift and shall ever value it as a token of friendship of the President of the Great Eepublic. As to my visit to your country, I fear I can as yet say nothing for definite, although I am very anxious to have an opportunity in the near future of paying my respects to you at the White House. I shall esteem it a great honor if you will kindly accept my photograph, which I enclose herewith. With the highest esteem and admiration, I am yours respectfully,

ADMIRAL HEIHACHIBO

TOGO.

His Excellency,  
President Eoosevelt.

A letter of unusual interest came to President Eoosevelt in 1905 from Queen Elizabeth (Carmen Sylva) of Bu- mania. In that year the United States sent J. W. Eiddle as its first Minister to Eumania, and the President gave him a personal letter to hand to the Queen, in which he spoke of her literary works and of the pleasure he had experienced in reading certain of them. In reply the Queen wrote the following letter on a typewriter:

SINAIA.,

October 12,

1905.

*Sir:*

I thank you with all my heart for the kind letter you sent me through your most amiable messenger! We are so glad to have an American representative to ourselves at last, and I am sure you will never regret it, as there are so many increasing interests that could not be thoroughly understood by some one who did not know our country at

all. I felt a great deal of compunction in  
venturing to  
recommend to your notice the once great  
tragedian Gertrud  
Giers. I know how very annoying it is to have  
stage poor  
artists thrust upon one. But I could not  
refuse, as she  
always was a protegee of my mother and a  
most honest  
woman whose struggle for life was so much  
harder on ac-